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MURPHY PACIFIC HAS PURSUED VERY GENERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. NAVY ON VARIOUS POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO SALVAGE OPERATIONS. BARRACCA ALSO CALLED AT DEPT. ON MARCH 27 TO TOUCH BASE ON CURRENT STATUS OF SALVAGE NEGOTIATIONS. HE TOLD DEPTOFF THERE WERE STILL SOME LOOSE ENDS TO BE TIED DOWN WITH SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY. HOWEVER, HE HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE HIS RETURN TO EGYPT IN ORDER TO AWAIT WORD ON WHAT USG FINANCIAL AND SUPERVISORY INVOLVEMENT THERE MIGHT BE IN SALVAGE PROJECT. DEPTOFF INDICATED THAT QUESTION OF USG FINANCING WAS STILL UNDER STUDY IN DEPT AND WOULD REQUIRE HIGH LEVEL DECISION.

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